

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method comprising the steps of:

- (a) conducting at least one transaction at a deposit accepting machine;
- (b) printing a receipt including indicia corresponding to the transaction with a printer in an interior area of the machine;
- (c) extending a receipt intermediate of an exterior wall of the machine and an overlying member, wherein the overlying member includes an aperture therein sized for accepting a finger of a user;
- (d) moving the receipt in sandwiched relation between a finger extended in the aperture and the exterior wall to remove the receipt from between the exterior wall and the overlying member.

2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the overlying member includes an edge, and wherein the aperture extends into the overlying member from the edge, and wherein in step (d) the receipt is moved by a finger moving from inside the aperture to outside the aperture with the receipt in sandwiched engagement between the finger and the exterior wall.

3. The method according to claim 2 wherein the edge of the member is a downward facing edge, and wherein in step (d) the receipt is moved with a finger moving in generally a downward direction.

4. The method according to claim 1 wherein the receipt is printed on paper
5 supplied from a roll and prior to step (d), further comprising the step of, cutting the paper with a cutter to separate the receipt from the roll.

5. The method according to claim 4 wherein the overlying member terminates in an edge, and wherein the cutting step is executed when the receipt extends below the aperture but not substantially below the edge.

6. The method according to claim 1 wherein the exterior wall includes an opening, and wherein in step (b) the receipt extends through the opening, and wherein the overlying member extends from generally above the opening to an edge positioned below the opening, wherein the aperture extends below the opening, and wherein in step (d) the receipt is moved downward by movement of the finger in the aperture.

7. The method according to claim 1 wherein the overlying member is
15 disposed in proximity to the exterior wall such that a receipt extending between the overlying member cannot be manually grasped prior to moving the receipt by engagement with a finger through the aperture, and thereafter further comprising manually grasping the receipt.

8. The method according to claim 6 wherein the aperture extends in the overlying member from the edge, is generally centered relative to the receipt, and is sized for accepting a thumb therein, wherein in step (d) the receipt is moved by downward movement of the thumb.

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9. The method according to claim 1 and further comprising the step of:

cutting the receipt with a cutter, wherein movement of the receipt in step (d) is operative to cut the sheet.

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10. The method according to claim 1 wherein in step (a) conducting the transaction includes depositing an article in the machine and inputting an article identifying number through an input device, and wherein in step (b) the indicia printed on the receipt includes the article identifying number.

11. The method according to claim 1 wherein in step (a) conducting the transaction includes depositing an article in the machine and inputting through an input device at least one amount associated with the article, and wherein in step (b) the indicia printed on the receipt includes the amount.

12. The method according to claim 1 wherein in step (a) conducting the transaction includes opening a depository door to a depository and placing a deposit article in the opening.

13. The method according to claim 12 wherein in conducting the transaction in step (a) the depository door is unlocked prior to opening, and wherein the depository door is unlocked responsive to both input of a card to a card reader in operative connection with the depository door and placing a key in a key actuator in operative connection with the depository door.

14. The method according to claim 1 and prior to step (a) further comprising the step of fitting a panel on an exterior surface of an existing deposit accepting machine, wherein the printer is housed in the panel.

15. The method according to claim 14 wherein the panel on the exterior surface of the existing deposit accepting machine includes at least one input device, and wherein the transaction conducting in step (a) includes inputting at least one value through the input device, and wherein the indicia printed in step (b) includes the input value.

16. A method comprising the steps of:

- (a) extending a printed receipt intermediate of an exterior wall of a deposit accepting machine and an overlying member, wherein the overlying member includes an aperture therein sized for accepting a finger of a user; and

- (b) moving the receipt in sandwiched relation between a finger extended in the aperture and the exterior wall to remove the receipt from between the exterior wall and the overlying member.

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